

# VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND



## Annual Report

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# **Kentucky Veterans' Program Trust Fund Annual Report**

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Kentucky Veterans' Program Trust Fund  
2007 Annual Report

The Veteran's Program Trust Fund was established as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans' Bonus Act on December 23, 1988 under Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 40.460. This report provides a list of the present members of the board of directors.

During this reporting period, the Trust Fund expended/obligated funds for 13 worthy projects that benefit Kentucky's veteran population. These projects include \$28,773 in direct assistance to homeless veterans. This report outlines the details concerning each of the Trust Fund expenditures for FY 2007.

Funding sources include dollars generated by taxpayers who are entitled to an income tax refund who may contribute all or a portion of that refund to the Trust Fund through the tax check-off on their state income tax form. Additionally, the Trust Fund receives a \$5.00 fee that is included in the price of an initial or renewal Veterans' License Plate. Further, the Trust Fund gladly accepts tax-deductible contributions from individuals, groups or corporations. This report outlines the amounts received from each of these sources.

The Trust Fund began the year with a balance of \$369,049.00. Expenditures during the year totaled \$226,970,86. The fiscal year ended with a fund balance, less obligations, of \$393,676.79 as shown in the financial report on page 6. Details concerning the projects are included in the use of funds section beginning on page 7.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Les Beavers".

Leslie E. Beavers  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Retired  
Commissioner, KDVA  
Chairman, Ky Veterans Program Trust Fund

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# Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

## *History and Operation*

The Kentucky General Assembly established the Veteran's Program Trust Fund (VPTF) as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans' Bonus Act on December 23, 1988. The purpose of the VPTF is to direct funding to projects and programs that help Kentucky's veterans but that are not funded by the state General Fund.

The VPTF is overseen by a Board of Directors whose members are appointed by the Governor. The list of members with their affiliations is on page 6.

The VPTF Board of Directors meets several times a year on an *ad-hoc* basis as it receives requests for funding.

The VPTF has received a steady, moderate, income from a \$5.00 fee that is included in the initial purchase price and renewal of Veterans' License Plates.

The VPTF is also a legal recipient of tax-deductible contributions from individuals, companies and organizations. Such contributions may be made through the VPTF check-off box on the Kentucky Income Tax form, or directly to the VPTF through personal checks to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.

Kentucky's Veterans Service Organizations have contributed generously to the VPTF since its creation and continues to do so.

Donors may also specify that their contribution go to one of several specific programs/facilities KDVA operates for the benefit of veterans:

- Homeless Veterans Trust Fund
- Thomson-Hood Veterans Center (Wilmore)
- Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center (Hazard)
- Western Kentucky Veterans Center (Hanson)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (Hopkinsville)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Fort Knox)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (Williamstown)

# Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

## Veterans Program Trust Fund Board Members

*(as of June 30, 2006)*

POSITION	NAME	Organization	Term Expires
Chairman	Leslie E. Beavers	Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs	<b>EO 99 – 1129</b>
Member	Marlan M. Pinkston	Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs	<b>EO 99 – 1129</b>
Member	Carlos Pugh	Joint Executive Committee of Veterans Organizations	8/13/02 – 7/15/05 <b>EO 2002 – 959</b>
Member	Don Devine	Governor's Advisory Board	12/11/04 – 7/15/05 <b>EO 2004 - 1301</b>
Member	Dave Baker	American Legion	8/13/01 – 7/15/04 <b>EO 2001 – 1314</b>
Member	Juan Rodriguez	AAXPOW, DAV, Am Legion, VRW	8/13/01 – 7/15/04 <b>EO 2001 – 1314</b>
Member	Wayne Randall	AMVETS	12/01/04 – 7/15/07 <b>EO 2004 – 1301</b>
Member	Andrew Stratton	MOAA	8/13/02 – 7/15/05 <b>EO 2002 – 959</b>
Member	John O. Marsh	Marine Corps League/VFW	8/13/02 – 7/15/05 <b>EO 2002 – 959</b>

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Veterans Program Trust Fund**

Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2007 (July 2006 - June 2007)

	<b>FY 2007 Total</b>
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$ 369,049.00</b>
Receipts:	
License Plate Fees	285,836.97
Tax Check-off	37,017.14
Ky Veterans Cemetery Central Donations	9,160.00
Ky Veterans Cemetery North Donations	100.00
Ky Veterans Cemetery West Donations	40,613.68
HAVE Donations	1,414.80
Miscellaneous Donations	12,123.93
Women Veterans Donations	5,013.29
Homeless Veterans Donations	--
THVC, EKVC, & WKVC Donations	7,516.67
Interest Income	23,740.11
Total Receipts:	422,536.59
<b>TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 791,585.59</b>
Expenditures:	
Veterans Welcome Home Event	6,525.00
Aircraft Heritage Park in Bowling Green	5,000.00
Homeless Veterans Transition Facility/VOA	32,920.00
Homeless Veterans Program	55,000.00
Burial Honors Program	30,000.00
DAV (6 Vans)	50,000.00
Women Veterans Program	4,781.86
Interlink — Renovation of Facility	25,000.00
KVCemetery Central Stained Glass	2,570.00
KVCemetery West Brick Program	4,200.00
Payment to Ky Veterans Centers (KECC)	10,974.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>226,970.86</b>
Obligations:	
Homeless Veterans Transition Facility/VOA	18,909.00
AmeriCorps Position at Homeless Vet Transition Fac.	5,000.00
Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central	48,453.83
Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North	100.00
Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West	56,358.68
Women Veterans Program	231.43
THVC, EKVC & WKVC donation	1,000.00
EKVC Walking Track	10,000.00
Cemetery Giving Trees (2)	20,000.00
Jessamine Co. Schools Boxes for Medals	750.00
UST Donation for KVCW Carillon	10,135.00
Total Obligations	170,937.94
<b>TOTAL USE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 397,908.80</b>
<b>Fund Balance (Cash on Hand)</b>	<b>\$ 564,614.73</b>
<b>Fund Balance Less Obligations</b>	<b>\$ 393,676.79</b>



# Kentucky Veterans' Program Trust Fund

## Highlights For FY 2006-2007

As of 1 July 2005, the beginning of the fiscal year, the Trust Fund had **\$448,419.54**. Since that date the Trust Fund board members approved the following expenditures:

1. **Fund to prevent and alleviate homelessness among Kentucky veterans - \$55,000**
2. **Contribution toward purchase of six DAV vans -\$50,000**
3. **Operating Funds for Homeless Veterans Transition Facility - \$32,920**
4. **Reimbursement for Burial Honors - \$30,000**
5. **Renovation of Interlink Homeless Facility - \$25,000**
6. **Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Giving Trees - \$20,000**
7. **EKVC Walking Track - \$10,000**
8. **Veterans Welcome Home Event - \$6,525**
9. **Aircraft Heritage Park in Bowling Green - \$5,000**
10. **Women Veterans Health Care and Benefits Bazaar - \$4,782\***
11. **KVC West Memorial Brick Program - \$4,200**
12. **KVC Central Stained Glass in Committal Shelter \$2,570**
13. **Materials for Medals Display Boxes Built by Jessamine County School Students - \$750.**



Women Veterans Health Care and Benefit Bazaar, Lexington VAMC Leestown Campus, April 21, 2007.

More than 150 Women Veterans from across Kentucky attended.

\* Direct Donation for Event.

## **KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND**

The Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund (KVPTF) supports veteran-related programs for which there are no appropriated funds. Funding sources include:

- Contributions from taxpayers who use the veterans check-off on their tax returns to donate a portion of their income tax refund.
- Five dollars from each initial purchase and renewal of a veteran or military related license plate.
- Donations directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund.

During the 2005 session of the Kentucky General Assembly, House Bill 134 was passed into law. This legislation allows all citizens, veteran or not, to contribute to the Veterans Program Trust Fund through county clerk offices. In response to the new law, the Kentucky County Clerks Association approved the Help A Veteran Everyday (H.A.V.E.) program to encourage citizens to contribute directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund at any county clerk office.

Examples of how Veterans Program Trust Fund money has been used include:

- purchase of vans to transport veterans to VA healthcare facilities
- purchase of land for a state veterans cemetery
- contributions to install an eternal flame atop the 101st Airborne Division Memorial at Fort Campbell
- purchase of a mobile office for outreach to homeless veterans
- paying the cost of first year operation of Homeless Veteran Transition Facility
- contribution to bring the 82nd Airborne Division Chorus to perform a public concert in Central Kentucky.

The Trust Fund financial report for this period is on page 6.



In May 2007, the students in Lynn Settles technology class at Jessamine County Middle School built special display boxes for the long-delayed medals presented to veterans at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore.

The Veterans Program Trust Fund paid for the materials, but the students donated their time and skills. Less than \$800 paid for the wood, felt, paint and hardware for 65 boxes presented in formal ceremonies at THVC.

But the results - to honored veterans, to their families in the audience, to the students who got to meet and learn from the veterans who received the medals - were priceless.



# HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

On May 4, 2007, KDVA celebrated the second anniversary of its Homeless Veterans Transition Facility at the Leestown Campus of the Lexington VA Medical Center, created in partnership with the Volunteers of America. The program recognized several veterans that completed the program over the past year. Notably, David Holland, a recent graduate of the program, also graduated from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. Currently David works for the Lexington VAMC as an environmental tech; however, he has begun seeking state employment with a stated desire to work with veterans.



As of June 30, 2007, the Leestown program had graduated 20 homeless and substance-abusing veterans to sobriety, stable housing and jobs.

FY 2007 welcomed additional beds, services, and facilities for the homeless veterans. The Leestown operation maintained a near-capacity census of 40 for the entire year and received additional staff support through the AmeriCorps program. In October 2006 St. James Place apartments in Lexington opened 38 efficiency apartment units for homeless veterans. These units receive support from the USDVA Homeless Veterans Grant & Per Diem Program. Because each unit is complete with kitchen and private bath males and females will use this facility.

The Interlink Counseling Services facility in Louisville serves 70 male and five female veterans. St. Vincent DePaul in Louisville provides 20 beds through the Grant & Per Diem for homeless veterans, and recently Wayside Christian Mission renovated facilities to provide transitional housing to 10 men, four women, and two family units. The family units are unique to the State of Kentucky and offer the opportunity for a male or female veteran to bring a spouse and children into the a G&PD-sponsored unit.

All the facilities offer, in addition to rooms and regular meals, multiple services, including:

- Drug and alcohol abuse counseling
- Education referrals
- Employment and job training referrals
- Assistance with permanent housing.

Dr. Patrick McKiernan, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, is KDVA's Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator. He represents the agency on the Kentucky Council on Homeless Policy, which advises the Governor and his staff on homelessness and housing issues across the state.

Dr. McKiernan also represents KDVA at the annual conference of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans in Washington, D.C., and the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky, which is the state's advocacy group for the homeless. Dr. McKiernan is developing plans to establish the Homeless Veterans Coordination Committee to provide additional guidance and support to help homeless veterans.

KDVA has worked hard to coordinate efforts with the local VA Hospitals to assist Kentucky's homeless veterans. KDVA has been successful in helping veterans get off the streets into housing or some treatment facility.



*Homeless Veterans Transition Program graduate David Holland, with his Bachelor's Degree from WKU.*

Tonight there will be 800 – 1200 veterans sleeping on the streets of the Commonwealth.

# HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND

The Homeless Veterans Trust Fund (HVTF) seeks to prevent homelessness among veterans and help homeless veterans return to permanent housing quickly. It provides small, one-time cash grants for rent deposits, utility payments and other housing-related expenses.

The HVTF represents a beacon of hope to veterans who otherwise would slip into or remain in a state of homelessness.

## FY 07 Milestones

**Total Expenditures \$28,773**

**Average Amount of Assistance  
\$212**

**Assisted 88 Veterans and families**

- **53** veterans received rent assistance
- **29** veterans received utility assistance
- **2** homeless veterans events



*Homeless Veterans Transition Program  
2007 graduate Bobby Downs.*

### Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2006

Starting Balance	<b>7,775.55</b>
<b>Income</b>	
From the Veterans Program Trust Fund	55,000.00
Donations	5,200.00
Interest	3,724.24
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>63,924.24</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Veteran Assistance	25,323.93
Homeless Veterans Events	3,450.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>28,773.93</b>
End of Year Cash Balance	<b>42,925.86</b>

## **Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors**

### **19 July 2006 Meeting Minutes Excerpts**

**NEW BUSINESS:** The following requests for funds were presented:

1. A request from Aviation Heritage Park for \$25,000 for a Save Phantom 550 Trust Fund and the perpetual maintenance of the park.

All members present unanimously approved \$5,000 for Save Phantom 550 in honoring and recognition of Kentucky Veterans.

2. A request from Kentucky Veterans Welcome Home Celebration Committee for \$58,000, later reduced to \$42,000.

After discussion, all members present unanimously approved \$5,000 to help defray the transportation cost of the traveling Vietnam Wall..

3. A request from the DAV Transportation Network in Murray for \$22,000 for a new van.  
All Board Members present unanimously agreed to table the request to the next meeting.

4. A request from VFW Post 11428, Sandy Hook, for \$500 to paint the tank at the veterans monument.  
All Board Members present unanimously disapproved this request.

## Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors 14 December 2006 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

**NEW BUSINESS:** The following requests for funds were presented:

1. A request from the Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator for \$25,000.00 for the Homeless Veterans Trust Fund.

All members present unanimously approved the request for \$25,000.00, plus an additional \$5,000, for a total of \$30,000, for the Homeless Veterans Trust Fund.

2. A request from the Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator for \$22,000.00 for the Homeless Veterans Transitional Treatment Program to purchase a 45-passenger bus for the Leestown Facility.

All members present unanimously approved the request for \$22,000.00 for the Homeless Veterans Transitional Treatment Program on the condition that the bus will be licensed, insured and maintained through the VOA.

3. A request from the Kentucky Women Veterans Coordinator for \$2,000 for a Kentucky Highway Historical Marker in Henderson to honor Nurse Mary Willie Arvin.

All Board Members present unanimously approved the request for \$2,000 for the marker.

4. A request from the Kentucky Women Veterans Coordinator for \$500 to pay the registration fees for Kentucky women veterans to attend the Women in Military Service for America memorial event.

All Board Members present unanimously approved the request for \$500 for the registration fees.

5. A request from the Kentucky Women Veterans Coordinator for \$2,000 to reprint 1,000 of the "25 Most Frequently Asked Questions of Kentucky Women Veterans" booklets.

All Board Members present unanimously disapproved the request for \$2,000 to reprint the booklets.

6. A request from the KDVA Cemetery Branch Manager for \$3,000 for the Stained Glass for the Committal Shelter at KVC Central.

All members present unanimously approved this request.

7. A request from the KDVA Cemetery Branch Manager for \$1,600 for the Groundbreaking for Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North.

All members present unanimously disapproved this request.

8. A request from Interlink Counseling Services for \$75,013 to purchase kitchen equipment.

All members present unanimously approved \$25,000 for kitchen equipment.

9. A request from the Kentucky National Guard for \$2,063.96 to bring the 8th Airborne Chorus to Central Kentucky if they officially accepted the NG's request.

All members present unanimously approved \$2,100 for this request, on condition the chorus performs at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center and conducts one public concert.

## Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors 11 May 2007 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

**NEW BUSINESS:** The following requests for funds were presented:

1. A request from the KDVA Cemeteries Branch Manager for \$40,000 for the carillon projects at KVC Central and West (\$20,000 each.)

All members present unanimously approved this request.

2. A request from the KDVA Cemeteries Branch Manager for \$25,000 for the Burial Honors program. All members present unanimously approved \$25,000, plus an additional \$5,000 for a total of \$30,000, for the Burial Honors program.

3. A request from the KDVA Cemeteries Branch Manager for \$20,000 to purchase two Giving Trees - one each for KVC West and KVC Central.

All members present unanimously approved \$20,000 to purchase two Giving Trees for KVC West and KVC Central.

4. A request from the Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator for \$30,000 for the Homeless Veterans Trust Fund.

All Board Members present unanimously approved \$30,000 for the Homeless Veterans Trust Fund.

5. A request from the Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator for \$5,000 to fund an AmeriCorps position at Leestown Transitional Facility.

All Board Members present unanimously approved \$5,000 to fund an AmeriCorps position at Leestown Transitional Facility.

6. A request from the DAV to \$50,000 to purchase vans.

All Board Members present unanimously approved \$50,000 to purchase the vans.

7. A request from EKVC for \$9,760 to repave the walk track.

All Board Members present unanimously approved up to \$10,000 to repave the walking track.

8. A request for \$750 to purchase materials and tools for Jessamine County middle school students to build 15 display boxes for replacement medals for veterans at THVC.

All Board Members present unanimously approved \$750 to purchase the materials and tools.





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